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Subject: Weekend Reading - NEHA MOU
Attachments: NEHA-EPA MOU Final Signed_12.07.16.pdf

Hi David,

Kacee Deener, the Deputy in the Office of Science Policy, put together the following background information for you on the NEHA MOU. The NEHA MOU is also attached.

There are no action items here. This is simply for background.

Best,

Kevin

National Environmental Health Association Background Document

Overview: In December 2016, ORD signed an MOU with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) as part of an effort to strengthen engagement with state and local partners. Under the MOU, ORD and NEHA aspire to cooperate, coordinate and collaborate on environmental public health issues. Areas of mutual interest include chemical safety; human health risk assessment; health impact assessment; water quality; and air quality.

About NEHA: NEHA is a professional society with over 5,000 members across the U.S. that works to advance the environmental health and protection professional for the purpose of providing a healthful environment for all. About 80 percent of NEHA's members work in environmental health at the state or local level; about 10 percent work in private industry (such as the food service industry), and about 10 percent are in the U.S. Public Health Service. NEHA runs a credentialing program for Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian. NEHA also provides training and resources for continuing education through online courses; holds an annual conference; fosters networking and career growth; and publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Environmental Health*, with a readership of over 20,000 professionals. NEHA members rely on ORD science and science-based support tools to do their jobs. For example, many NEHA members routinely use IRIS assessments as part of their work, and several members have used EnviroAtlas to inform their Health Impact Assessments.

Examples of activities under the MOU

- *Annual Meeting Participation.* In 2018, ORD scientists were featured in 11 sessions at the NEHA Annual Conference on topics such as lead in drinking water, risk communication, and wildfires and public health. Bruce Rodan, Wayne Cascio, Greg Sayles, and Kacee Deener met with NEHA's Executive Director and senior staff while at the meeting.
- *Webinars.* Through 2018, NEHA has sponsored webinars featuring ORD scientists speaking about topics of interest to NEHA members, such as wildfires and health impacts, air pollution and heart health, waterborne disease transmission after flooding, and science to support clean-up after floods.

- *Early Input into ORD Science.* In 2018, NEHA helped ORD identify local health officials to provide early input on the development of a Homeland Security research program tool. They also provided input into the agenda for ORD's Small Drinking Water Systems Workshop.
- *Outreach to Environmental Health Practitioners.* ORD and NEHA meet regularly to: 1) share information about ORD webinars with NEHA members; 2) share information about ORD science, tools, and resources with NEHA members; and 3) work together to promote theme months (such as "Healthy Heart Month").